

Variety show offered

By BRYAN RICHARDS
The Decatur Community High School Drama Club put on a comedy-packed variety show for the school on Wednesday, April 30. Everyone in the show was pumped up for a good performance, and they were also saddened by the fact that this was the last performance for the senior actors.

It took about two weeks to get all of the skits organized, and even though most had been written by the end of January, practice wasn't until the week before the performance.

It was nerve rattling but deep inside, real deep down inside, the students knew they could pull it off.

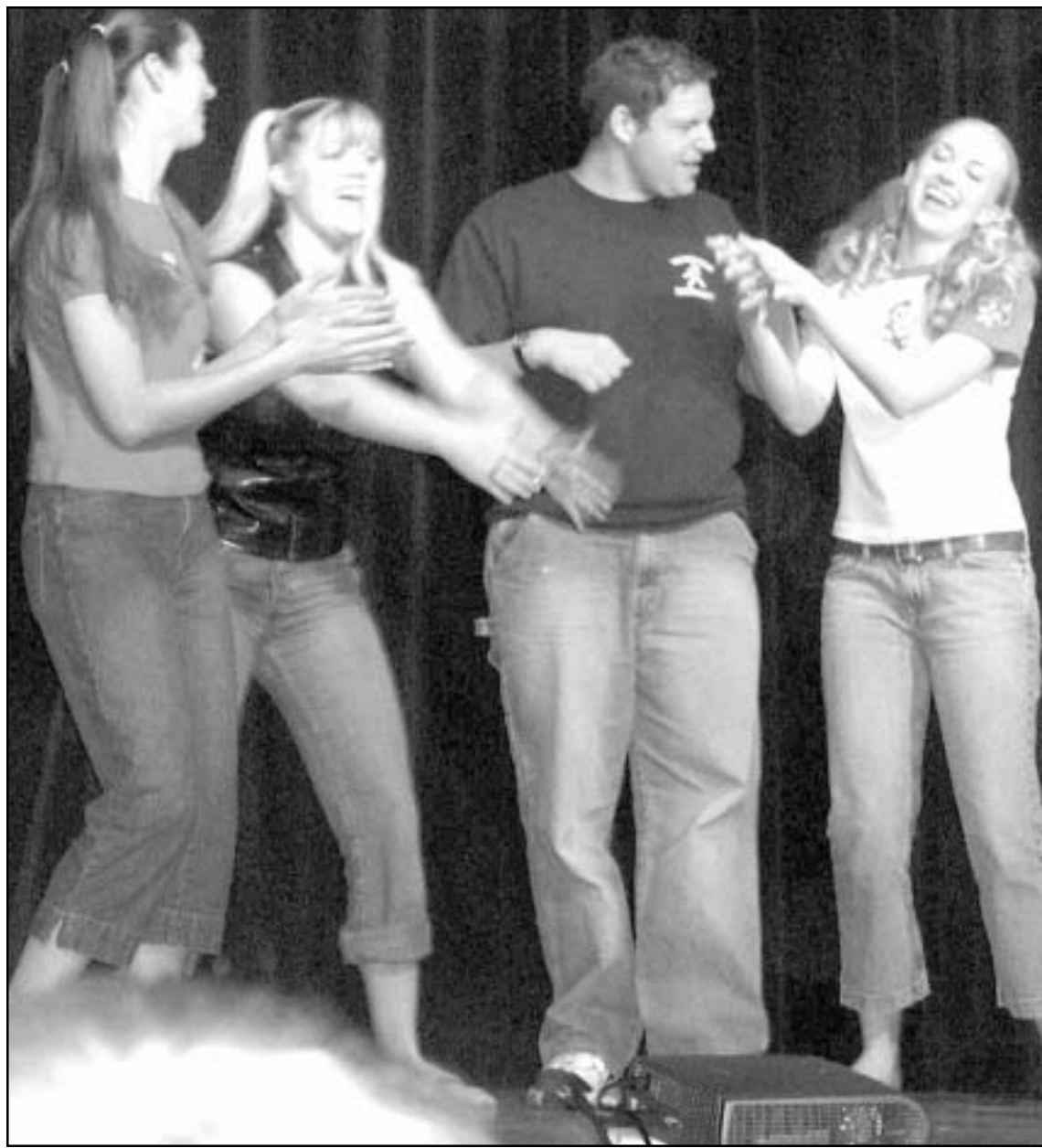
The show was named "Channel Surfing"

The narrator, Quintin Cundiff, acted like he was watching television while a skit was acted out on the stage. The skits were "Teaching from Bayley Bryan", "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Haag", "The Tesla Family", "The History Channel", "Albuquerque", "How to paint", "Student Teacher Dictator" and Chris Jordan's stand up comedy act.

A special guest appearance was made by superintendent Kelly Glodt portraying himself in the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Haag skit.

Mr. Haag (played by Brent Smith) drank a potion and turned into Mr. Glodt (played by Jess Elwood.)

There were also three songs that were performed in the show. Juniors Andrea Marshall, Rebekah Hasty, and Serina Heikes sang "Let's Hear It for the Boy", and "It's in His



GRABBED FROM THE AUDIENCE and made the center of attention, Dane Anderson was serenaded by (from left) Rebekah Hasty, Andrea Marshall and Serina Heikes to "Let's Hear it for the Boy".

Kiss".

Amber Reynolds accompanied on the piano.

And the last thing that was performed was, "Lunch Lady Land," with the whole cast.

Actors included Nick Anderson, Allie Moore, Chris Jordan, Bayley Bryan, David Morris, Anthony Marshall, Brent Smith, Rebekah

Hasty Kelly Olson, Karyn Jordan, Sarah Marcuson, Kellen Doeden, Becky Moore, Seri Heikes, Amber Reynolds, Andrea Marshall, Bryan Richards, Jess Elwood, Greta Wendelin, Quintin Cundiff, Destry Jackson, and Kaitlyn Stapp.

Senior Jess Elwood received the Thespian Award after the show. This award is chosen by the Drama Club and given to the top student actor for the year.

Leigh Davis, Drama Club sponsor, said, "I thought it all went so well. I was pleased with how the students made a strong effort in perfecting the show."

"And was also pleased that I got to sit back and relax for once."

Band, vocal students do well at state music

By SARAH RUF
Both band and vocal students traveled to Concordia on Saturday to perform at state music.

It was a great success. The music department came home with 20 superior ratings (Is) and 13 good ratings (IIs).

Vocal solos that received a I rating were Kellen Doeden, Leah Marietta, Matt Coleman, David Morris, Ramsey Meitl, Andrea Marshall and Anthony Marshall.

Vocal ensembles that received a I rating were the women's ensemble, the DCHS Singers, and a junior and senior mixed ensemble.

Vocal solos that received a II rating were Anne Wasson, Danica May, Sarah Ruf, Kelsey Jackson, Jess Elwood and Brent Smith.

Vocal ensembles that received a II were Chanté, the freshman, sophomore, and junior mixed ensemble, and a junior and senior mixed ensemble.

"State music was fun and we did better than I expected," said junior Lindsey Euhus.

Band soloists earning Is were Amber Reynolds, Leah Marietta, Kelsey Dorshorst, Andrea Marshall, Danica May, Anthony Marshall, Brent Smith, Allie Moore and Adam Spanier.

The Allegro Flute Quartet also received a I, while the Fat Fish Flute

Quartet received a II.

Band soloists receiving IIs were Marci Matchett, Kelsey Jackson and Lora Marietta.

Open house set for Tuesday

Decatur Community High Principal Charlie Haag has announced that open house will be held next Tuesday.

Because of the busy schedule at the junior-senior high school,

the open house will be held from 5-9 p.m. — before and after the music awards banquet.

Open house will be held in the gym, cafeteria and computer lab.

Seniors

Bryan Richards

By JENNIE SWART

Bryan is the son of Barry and Patti Richards. In his spare time he likes to jam with the band he's in, called "The Miles." He enjoys making movies, as well as watching them. Bryan likes hanging out with friends and making them laugh. When he gets the chance, he also likes to attend concerts and listen to music.

Bryan is a member of TACT. He is also the drama club president and a member of the speech team. He has qualified for state in both duet acting and improvised duet acting. Bryan said he also really enjoys the time he spends at Teens For Christ.

He hopes to attend Covenant Bible College in Colorado, a one-year program, or go to Elm University, in Rochester, N.Y. He plans to go into music ministry.

Randy Spencer

By TARA VOTAPKA

Randy Spencer is the son of Rita Spencer and lives with his Aunt Irene Wessel.

He enjoys working on cars, riding

motorcycles and hunting.

Randy is involved in FFA, and this year he has served as the president. He has been on the honor roll, also.

Randy plans to go to Goodland Vocational Technical College and hopes to own his own shop.

Greta Wendelin

By KYM RICHARDS

Senior Greta Wendelin is the daughter of Norman and Joanne Wendelin. Her hobbies include cooking, watching foreign movies and reading.

Greta is in drama club, speech, 4-H, and is the National Honor Society president. She has also been involved in band, art, scholar bowl and the musicals and plays all four years of high school. She is a member of the state championship scholar bowl team.

Greta was recently awarded best of show at the league art show, and she is a two-time state speech champion in improvised duet acting. Greta plans to attend Concordia University in Seward, Neb.

School Menus

May 12-16

BERLIN HIGH

Monday — beef/noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, pears.

Tuesday and Wednesday — cook's choice. **Thursday** — pizza, green beans. **Friday** — hot dogs, baked beans, mixed fruit. Breakfast will be cook's choice. Juice served with breakfast, milk served with all meals. Salad bar served with all lunches.

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Monday — Breakfast: pancake/sausage bites, fruit. Lunch: corn dog. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit. Lunch: chicken dippers. **Wednesday** — Breakfast: sausage gravy, biscuit, fruit. Lunch: cook's choice. **Thursday** — Breakfast: cereal, toast, fruit. Lunch: cook's choice. **Friday** — Breakfast: breakfast pizza, fruit. Lunch: cook's choice. Milk served with all meals. Choice bar served with all lunches.

PRAIRIE HEIGHTS

Monday — Breakfast: scrambled

eggs. Lunch: chili, applesauce, cinnamon rolls. **Tuesday** — Breakfast: long johns. Lunch: ham patties, potatoes/gravy, peas, strawberries.

Wednesday — Breakfast: burritos. Lunch: PBJs, ravioli, corn, peaches.

Thursday — Breakfast: toast, cereal. Lunch: baked potato bar, broccoli, Mandarin oranges. **Friday** — Breakfast: toast, cereal. Lunch: chicken, potatoes/gravy, green beans, pineapple. Milk and salad bar available.

HERNDON

Breakfast is served daily: cereal, toast, jelly, juice. Lunches: **Monday** — chicken patty, cheesy potatoes, tossed salad, fruit, cookie. **Tuesday** — tacos, corn, apple salad, cookie. **Wednesday** — chicken/noodles, whipped potatoes, cottage cheese, green beans, lazy peach pie. **Thursday** — pig-in-a-blanket, savory wedges, tossed salad, fruit cookie. **Friday** — hot beef, whipped potatoes, peas, fruit, cinnamon rolls. Milk served with all meals.



By the DCHS Dictator Staff

It's time for Iraq to get democracy

What once may have qualified as a Saturday Night Live skit, is now set to become a reality.

That's right, the time is coming for democracy in Iraq.

We, benevolent Americans, need to introduce the ignorant Iraqi masses to the wonder of the hanging chad, the powerful "he has no obvious physical deformities vote", and, finally, to the sheer power of holding a 1 in 20 millionth share of who gets elected.

We first need to get rid of the perception by Iraqis that we are there for Imperialistic reasons. You'd think it would be obvious that we learned of the dangers of Imperialism after we made Texas a state.

But in case the Iraqis don't see this, Supreme-High-Commander/President/Deity Shrub has ordered the US troops to act as liberators, not conquerors (say Al-Please before using an Iraqi as a Kleenex), to refrain from flying the American flag (don't worry, Fox has picked up their slack), and to stop commenting in amazement that the Iraqis are just like real people.

But we can't just immerse them immediately into Democracy.

That would be like asking a celebrity for their views on war (undoubtedly hilarious, but destined to end in confusion).

They would stumble around marking tallies on buildings, try to redeem ballots for camels, and wonder, in utter confusion, why there was more than one name on the ballot.

So obviously we need to introduce them to the basics of democracy such as to never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups, through some sort of vote for fun-type situation, much like a

The Way I See It

By Grant Reichert

Democratic primary.

After that, we could allow real voting, but restrict it to only the people that are not directly related to an ungulate.

We could slowly ease this to just camels, and then, finally, we could turn them loose on pure Democracy, and let them pick anyone we choose.

This candidate could then start with the immensely complex task of reconstruction, answering such vital questions as how are we gonna keep the French from weaseling (a national expertise) their way into the oilfields?

I suggest that Iraq should learn a lesson from Alaska (that is probably the first time that's ever been said) and just give every Iraqi citizen a \$3,000 check from oil profits.

The people could then afford to upgrade their camel to an animal that gets better mileage.

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